NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting March 5, 2014 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall, Room 222

Present: Matt Green, John Panica, Jay Harney, Ruth Goldman, Kathy Marchi

Staff: Jennifer O'Leary, Jenna Olson (Intern)

Students: Eliza Beth, Jacob Prince, Jonah Kan, Hannah Lass

Guests: Katy Holmes (Planning Dept.)

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of February 12, 2014 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2014 is \$2,500
- Expenses to date include:

\$734.38 paid for Youth Resource Cards \$1,765.62 Balance

\$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

<u>Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:</u>

- o Reminder of Youth Summit March 26th, everything is ready for the event
- O X and j block activities being piloted in both high schools focusing on stress reduction and coping skills, free, drop-in, no commitment
- Two parent programs planned on Executive Function and also training peer tutors at south

Mental Health Discussion:

- Update on Newton Cares and the event on May 3rd
- Commission interested in staying informed and getting involved with Newton Cares where needed

Update on Commission changes:

• Applications available online, starting interviews now

Guest Presenter:

- Katy Holmes came to talk to the commission about the Civil War Memorial rededication ceremony on May 18th at 1pm
- Commissioners made suggestions to get youth involved including reaching out on social media, getting in touch with speech club, drama club, contacting AP US History teachers, leadership classes, community service club
- Jenny will email Katy a list of ways to advertise to youth

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary